



# BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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**"I have not yet begun to fight!"**



## HOUSE PROPOSES MILITARY PAY RAISE

*By Chuck Vinch*

A pay and benefits package only slightly less sweeping than last year's is taking shape in the House Armed Services Committee, including health-care improvements, a thrift savings plan and new benefits and allowances.

The committee's military personnel panel has recommended a 3.7 percent pay raise effective Jan. 1 as well as accelerated funding for housing-allowance improvements that will cut out-of-pocket costs for troops who

live off base even faster than under the ambitious plan announced recently by Pentagon officials.

The committee's various panels have been drafting their portions of the fiscal 2001 defense authorization bill for more than a week with the full committee scheduled to consider the complete measure Wednesday.

## MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS TO RESUME

*By Reuters*

Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel and the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, agreed during a two-hour late-night meeting Sunday to renew peace talks on Monday, Barak's office said.

Intensive talks were held in the Red Sea resort of Eilat last week. They broke off on Tuesday after the Palestinians angrily rejected maps that Israel had presented for final peace. The Palestinians contended that Israel planned to annex large parts of the West Bank.



*Information Systems Technician First Class (Surface Warfare) Christopher Watson, Postal Clerk Second Class (Surface Warfare) Dorothy Pegram, Aviation Structural Mechanic (Structural) Second Class Terry Skinner and Air Traffic Controller Second Class Mathew Bishop were pinned Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialists yesterday in a ceremony held in the hangar bay. (Photo by PH3 Timothy Comerford.)*

# MICROSOFT PREPARES REPLY TO PROPOSAL

By Steve Lohr

Now it is Microsoft's turn to say what its future should be. On Wednesday, the company must submit its reply to the government's proposal to split the company in two and, at the prodding of a federal judge, offer its own suggested remedies in the antitrust case.

Microsoft will not say precisely what its remedy recommendations will be. But they are expected to consist mainly of a reiteration of proposals Microsoft has made repeatedly during on-again, off-again settlement talks with the government over the last two years. The Microsoft concessions, according to people close to the talks, have covered opening up the company's pricing, contracts and the sharing of technical information with industry partners and rivals.

The specific steps have included allowing personal computer makers greater freedom to modify Microsoft's Windows desktop screen, ensuring that rival software makers get equal access to technical

information about the Windows operating system and curbing the company's ability to enter into contracts with computer makers and Internet service providers that limit their ability to use and promote competing software are two other freedoms included.

Another Microsoft proposal has been to offer standard prices, adjusted for the volume, to PC makers licensing the company's industry-standard Windows operating system. This proposal addresses the allegation in the antitrust case that Microsoft has used Windows pricing as a way to reward friendly companies and punish companies that deal closely with Microsoft foes.

## STOCKS

DOW	10,603.63	UP	25.77
NASDAQ	3,669.38	DOWN	147.44
S&P 500	1,424.17	DOWN	8.46
NYSE	640.30	UP	1.97

## BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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### \*WEDNES DAY'S STE TV SCHEDULE\*

#### CHANNEL 2

1030 DREW CAREY  
1100 SHE'S ALL THAT  
1630 NOVA  
1730 JEOPARDY  
1800 PENSACOLA: WINGS OF GOLD  
1900 WALKER, TEXAS RANGER  
2000 ED TV  
2200 SINCE YOU'VE BEEN GONE

#### CHANNEL 6

1030 FRIENDS  
100 DOG OF FLANDERS  
1630 ENTER THE DRAGON  
1800 CITY OF ANGELS  
2015 SAME RIVER TWICE  
2200 TERMINATOR

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

# MIDWEST HEAT WAVE SETS RECORDS IN EAST

By New York Times

A hot, humid air mass from the Midwest that was expected to linger until Wednesday shattered records Sunday from New England to Virginia. It was 94 degrees in Newark, N.J., and Concord, N.H.; 93 in Salisbury, Md.; 92 in Atlantic City; 89 in

Burlington, Vt.; and 87 in Bridgeport, Conn., all records. And it was 90 in Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, although those were not record highs. The temperature hit 93 degrees in Manhattan, breaking a record of 92 set in 1939.

## DECK DOES EARLY BOAT OPS



The advance liberty party, including shore patrol and Master-at-Arms, boarded the Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) just minutes before 0700 yesterday to get to the beach before personnel departing on liberty arrived. Deck was manned up and ready to go on the sterngate at 0630. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins.)



As soon as the liberty boat was secured to the sterngate, personnel leaving hurried on board. Approximately 100 people are scheduled to go ashore daily for liberty, as part of USS BONHOMME RICHARD's liberty program while anchored off the coast of Qatar in the Arabian Gulf. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins)

## FORCE RECON GOES FINNING



The Force Reconnaissance Team from 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) has been going out daily as well, but not on liberty. They have been finning. The Combat Rubber Raiding Craft (CRRC) are carried down onto the sterngate. The sterngate lowers to put the craft, with personnel and gear inside, in the water. When in position, Force Recon will get in the water and swim, with fins on, for training. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins.)



The CRRC is made with handles, which helps enable the eight Force Recon members to better carry the craft to its launch position on the sterngate of USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). The craft and its crew were launched at 0815 yesterday and returned approximately four hours later. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins)

# CHINA TRYs TO SILENCE INTELLECTUALS

By *Elizabeth Rosenthal*

China's leaders are attempting to rein in a growing and increasingly assertive liberal intellectual movement, criticizing prominent academics and authors in speeches, forbidding newspapers from running their articles and punishing or shutting down publishers.

In recent years, unofficial and quasi-official venues for liberal political ideas have multiplied rapidly in China. At a time of rapid economic and social change, China's leaders clearly view this trend as a threat to their political power.

Despite his Western-leaning economics, President Jiang Zemin has in the past year constantly reiterated the importance of standing fast by Communist ideology in a China overrun with dot-com start-ups. In the past few months, these admonitions have precipitated a series of punitive actions against writers perceived of as straying too far in a liberal or reformist direction.

"President Jiang is very unhappy with some things that friends have written," said one prominent professor. "He wants to undertake some ideological cleansing."

Editors at two lively, independent newspapers, Southern Weekend and Shopping Guide, have been replaced. And editors at a popular newspaper have been criticized for reporting that several employees of the CIA were disciplined for the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade a year ago, a fact not reported in the state-controlled media.

"It is evident that Jiang Zemin feels that the intellectual community has become too brazen," said a newspaper commentator. "Everyone is aware of the spirit of Jiang Zemin's

speeches. And even if they don't agree, they know if they don't act they're putting themselves in danger."

## IRAN CONSERVATIVES CHARGE FRAUD AGAINST TEHRAN ELECTION

By *Agence France-Presse*

Iran's conservatives charged Sunday that parliamentary elections in Tehran had been riddled with fraud, raising the chances that they could annul the reformist win in Tehran, the capital.

Reformers appealed for calm after the statement from the Council of Guardians, a conservative body that reviews election results. But a bitter power struggle between backers of the reform-oriented president, Mohammad Khatami, and their conservative rivals showed no signs of easing.

## SPORTS

### BASEBALL SCORES:

BOSOTN	3	CHI. WHITE SOX	2
KANSAS CITY	4	DETROIT	1
NY YANKEES	6	TAMPA BAY	3
TORONTO	6	BALTIMORE	5
CLEVELAND	3	MINNESOTA	2
TEXAS	10	SEATTLE	1
ANAHEIM	9	OAKLAND	8
FLORIDA	3	ATLANTA	2
CHI. CUBS	12	MILWAUKEE	11
COLORADO	3	HOUSTON	1
ARIZONA	15	LOS ANGELES	7
SAN FRANCISCO	6	ST. LOUIS	4

### BASKETBALL SCORE:

INDIANA 103 PHILADELPHIA 97  
(INDIANA LEADS SERIES 2-0)

### HOCKEY SCORE:

NEW JERSEY 3 TORONTO 0  
(NEW JERSEY WINS SERIES 4-2)





## Your Power Payment Plan

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### Remember:

- Pay at least the minimum monthly payment for the bills you are power paying.
- The way you prioritize your bills to power pay is up to you (i.e. \$ largest, highest interest rate, etc.).
- When all debts have been paid, shift the previous monthly payment amounts into savings!

